

PROTECTED MODE FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS TERMINALS

ABSTRACT

A method for preventing unauthorized use of a lost or stolen mobile communications terminal is provided. The method includes placing the mobile communications terminal in a Protected Mode without deactivating the mobile communications terminal's terminal identifier, preventing outgoing calls from being made from the mobile communications terminal while it is in the Protected Mode, and redirecting incoming calls destined for the mobile communications terminal while it is in the Protected Mode. A system for protecting the lost or stolen mobile communications terminal from unauthorized use includes a mobile communications terminal having a terminal identifier and a Protected Mode for preventing unauthorized use without deactivation of the terminal identifier.